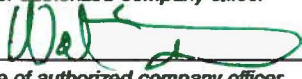



APPLICATION FOR APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY (Tax Code, Chapter 313, Subchapter B or C)

School district name Vega Independent School District		Date application filed with district <i>(To be filled in by school district)</i>				
Address 200 Longhorn Dr., Vega, Texas 79092		Phone (area code and number) (806) 267-2123				
<p>This form applies to property that meets the requirements of Tax Code Chapter 313. This completed application must be filed with the school district. If the governing body decides to consider this application, the school district must immediately forward three copies of the application to the Comptroller of Public Accounts and request that the Comptroller provide an economic impact evaluation of the application to the school district. The governing body may, at its discretion, allow the applicant to supplement or amend the application after the filing date, subject to the restrictions in Texas Administrative Code Rule 9.1054, to provide information required by the application form that was unavailable prior to the filing date. The school district must forward the supplemental or amended information to the comptroller and the appraisal district. The school board shall approve or disapprove this application before the 121st day from the application filing date, unless an extension is granted.</p>						
Step 1: Applicant name and address	<p>Only entities to which Tax Code Chapter 171 applies are eligible for appraised value limitations on qualified property.</p> <p>Applicant name: Spinning Spur Wind LLC</p> <p>Mailing address: 823 Congress Ave., Suite 500</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;"> Texas Taxpayer I.D. Number of entity subject to Tax Code, Chapter 171 (11 digits): 32040632831 </td> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 2px;"> City, State: Austin, Texas </td> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 2px;"> ZIP code + 4: 78701-2459 </td> </tr> </table> <p>Name of person preparing this application: Melissa Miller</p> <p>Title: Project Manager</p> <p>Phone (area code and number): (512) 440-0305</p>			Texas Taxpayer I.D. Number of entity subject to Tax Code, Chapter 171 (11 digits): 32040632831	City, State: Austin, Texas	ZIP code + 4: 78701-2459
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Step 2: Describe the property.	<p>(A) Attach the following items to this application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A specific description of all property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation as defined by Tax Code §313.021(2). Include a description of the land, describe each proposed improvement, and each proposed item of personal property for which you are seeking a limitation. Include each existing appraisal district account number and the legal description of the land, attach a detailed map showing the actual or proposed location of the land and proposed improvements and showing the actual or proposed boundaries and size of the reinvestment zone or enterprise zone in which the property will be located. Attach the order, resolution or ordinance establishing the zone, and the guidelines and criteria for creating the zone (if applicable). 2. A fully detailed description of the scope of the proposed project, including, at a minimum, the type and planned use of real and tangible personal property, the nature of the business, a timeline for property construction or installation, and any other relevant information. 3. A map of the reinvestment zone boundaries, certified to be accurate by either the governmental entity creating the zone, the local appraisal district, or a licensed surveyor. <p>(B) Answer the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the first tax year of your proposed qualifying time period (as defined by Tax Code §313.021(4))? <u>2011</u> 2. What is the amount of qualified investment, as defined by Tax Code §313.021(1), that will be made during the 2-year qualifying time period? <u>\$ 258,151,250</u> 3. What is the amount of appraised value limitation for which you are applying?. <u>\$ 10,000,000</u> <p>NOTE: The minimum amount of qualified investment required to qualify for an appraised value limitation and the minimum amount of appraised value limitation vary depending on whether the school district is classified as rural, and the school district's property value. For assistance in determining these minimums, access the comptroller's Web site at http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/hb1200/values.html.</p>					

Step 3: Answer these questions about property and job qualifications.	1. Do you propose to construct a new building or to erect or affix a new improvement after the date you submit this application?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	2. Will all of the property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation be free of a tax abatement agreement entered into by a school district for the duration of the qualifying time period, and for the duration of the appraised value limitation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	3. Is the land on which you propose new construction or improvement currently located in an area designated as a reinvestment zone under Tax Code Chapter 311 or 312 or as an enterprise zone under Government Code Chapter 2303?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	3(a) If you answered "no" to the question above, are you seeking an agreement with a taxing unit that, prior to the first day of the qualifying time period, will result in a reinvestment zone with boundaries encompassing the land on which you propose new construction or improvement?		
	Date of anticipated agreement? <u>June 2010</u>		
	4. Do you intend to make at least the minimum qualified investment required by Tax Code §313.023 (or 313.053 for rural school districts) for the relevant school district category?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	5. On the land and in connection with the new building or other improvement, do you plan to create at least 25 new jobs (at least 10 new jobs for rural school districts)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	6. Will at least 80 percent of all the new jobs created by the property owner be qualifying jobs as defined by Tax Code §313.021(3)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	6(a) If you answered "yes" to the question above, attach documentation from the Texas Workforce Commission that the new qualifying jobs meet the requirements of Tax Code §313.021(3)(E) or 313.051(b).		
	7. Do you intend to request that the governing body waive the minimum jobs creation requirement, as provided under Tax Code §313.025(f-1)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
7(a) If you answered "yes" to the question above, attach evidence documenting that the job creation requirement (5) above exceeds the number of employees necessary for the operation, according to industry standards.			
8. Except for new equipment described in Tax Code §151.318(q) or (q-1), is the proposed tangible personal property to be placed in service for the first time			
a) in or on the new building or other new improvement for which you are applying for an appraised value limitation, or			
b) if not in or on the new building or other new improvement for which you are applying for an appraised value limitation, is the personal property necessary and ancillary to the business conducted in the new building or other new improvement, and is the personal property on the same parcel of land as the building for which you are applying for an appraised value limitation?			
["First placed in service" means the first use of the property by the taxpayer.]			
9. The property will be used as an integral part, or as a necessary auxiliary part, in one of the following activities as defined by Tax Code §313.024(b):			
• manufacturing;	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
• research and development	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
• a clean coal project;	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
• an advanced clean energy project	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
• renewable energy electric generation;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• electric power generation using integrated gasification combined cycle technology; or.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
• nuclear electric power generation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
10. Are you an entity to which Tax Code, Chapter 171 applies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Step 4: Answer these questions about investment, property value and employment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the investment in real or personal property you propose to be counted toward the minimum qualified investment required by Tax Code §313.023, (or 313.053 for rural school districts) be first placed in service in this state during the applicable qualifying time period? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Does the investment in tangible personal property meet the requirements of Tax Code §313.021(1)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A If the proposed investment includes a building or a permanent, non-removable component of a building, does it house tangible personal property described above? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Will you own the property or lease the property under a capitalized lease? If leased, attach a copy of the lease agreement..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Are you including property that is owned by a person other than the applicant and that is pooled or proposed to be pooled with property owned by the applicant in determining the amount of your qualified investment? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Step 5: Economic Impact	<p>Please answer the following questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant's 6-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code: 221,119 Is Schedule A completed for all years and attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is Schedule B completed for all years and attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is Schedule C completed for all years and attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Total number of new jobs that will have been created when fully operational: 5 Total number of new jobs identified in (5) above that will have wages greater than 110 percent of the county average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs*: 5 Total number of new jobs identified in (5) above that will meet all the criteria for "qualifying jobs" as specified in Tax Code §313.021(3): 5 Describe each type of benefits to be offered to qualifying jobholders. Explain. <u>Qualified employees of Spinning Spur will be offered a full package of benefits including medical, dental and vision insurance of which at least 80% of the premiums for the employee only will be paid by the LLC. In addition, each qualifying employee will receive area wide competitive vacation time, sick leave and skills training.</u> 8(a) Will the jobs created offer at least 80 percent of the premiums or other charges assessed for employee-only coverage under the group health benefit plan for qualifying jobholders? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Describe the ability of your company to locate or relocate in another state or another region of the state. <u>The applicant can locate the project anywhere in the U.S. with sufficient prevailing wind conditions conducive to power generation. Such locations include several counties in Texas and numerous other states within the U.S. However, after the facility is constructed, it is very difficult and costly to move to another location.</u> Describe the current economic condition of the region of the state where the property is located. <u>The Project will add over \$193 million to the ad valorem tax rolls of the Oldham County Appraisal District. This tax base will entirely be in the Vega ISD. The Project will significantly enhance sales and use taxes for the state and local area, especially during the construction period.</u> <p>*Applicants to rural school districts that are not located in an SIA [see §313.051(a)(2)] must meet the regional wage standard described in 313.051(b).</p>

Step 6: Applicant sign and date application.	<p>By signing this application, you certify that this information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. Also by signing this application, you agree to respond promptly to all information requests made by the comptroller under Tax Code §313.032 and to send updated contact information to the comptroller throughout the agreement period.</p> <p>print here ➔ <u>Walter Hornaday</u> <i>Name of authorized company officer</i></p> <p>sign here ➔ <u></u> <i>Signature of authorized company officer</i></p> <p>Title <u>President</u></p> <p>Date <u>2/11/10</u></p> <p>On behalf of <u>Spinning Spur Wind LLC</u> <i>Name of corporation/company</i></p>
<p>If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Texas Penal Code §37.10.</p>	
Step 7: School district official sign and date application.	<p>By signing below, I affirm that I have been delegated the authority by the school district governing body to act on its behalf with regard to this application for a limitation on appraised value.</p> <p>print here ➔ <u>Margo Knox</u> <i>Name of authorized school district official</i></p> <p>sign here ➔ <u></u> <i>Signature of authorized school district official</i></p> <p>Title <u>Superintendent</u></p> <p>Date <u>2-12-10</u></p> <p>On behalf of <u>Vega ISD</u> <i>Name of school district</i></p>

SCHEDULE A-3676 (Temporary - July 2009): INVESTMENT & TAXES

PROPERTY INVESTMENT AMOUNTS (\$)									TAX INFORMATION		
(Estimated investment in each year. Do not put cumulative totals.)									Sales Taxable Expenditures	Franchise Tax	
		Year	Tax Year (fill in actual tax year below)	Column A: Tangible Personal Property: the amount of new investment (original cost) placed in service during this year	Column B: Building or permanent nonremovable component of building (annual amount only)	Column C: Sum of A and B—Qualifying investment (during the qualifying time period)	Column D: Other investment that is not qualified investment but investment affecting economic impact and total value	Column E: Total Investment (A+B+D)	Column F: Estimate of total annual expenditures* subject to state sales tax	Column G: Estimate of total annual expenditures* made in Texas NOT subject to sales tax	Column H: Estimate of Franchise tax due from (or attributable to) the applicant
The year preceding the first complete tax year of the qualifying time period (assuming no deferrals)	Investment made before filing application with district (neither qualified property nor eligible to become qualified investment)										
	Investment made after filing application with district, but before application approval (eligible to become qualified property)										
	Investment made after application approval and before Jan. 1 of first complete tax year of qualifying time period (qualified investment and eligible to become qualified property)										
	Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	2011	257,600,000	551,250	258,151,250	32,200,000	290,351,250	26,335,901	36,325,735	-
		2	2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)	3	2013	-	-		-	-	-	-	165,000
		4	2014	-	-		-	-	-	-	170,000
		5	2015	-	-		-	-	-	-	175,000
		6	2016	-	-		-	-	-	-	181,000
		7	2017	-	-		-	-	-	-	158,000
		8	2018	-	-		-	-	-	-	191,000
		9	2019	-	-		-	-	-	-	196,000
		10	2020	-	-		-	-	-	-	202,000
Credit Settle-Up Period	Continue to Maintain Viable Presence	11	2021	-	-		-	-	-	-	207,000
		12	2022	-	-		-	-	-	-	205,000
		13	2023	-	-		-	-	-	-	211,000
Post- Settle-Up Period		14	2024	-	-		-	-	-	-	218,000
Post- Settle-Up Period		15	2025	-	-		-	-	-	-	224,000

Qualifying Time Period usually begins with the approval of the application and extends generally for the following two complete tax years.

Column A: This represents the total dollar amount of planned investment in tangible personal property the applicant considers qualified investment- as defined in Tax Code §313.021(1)(A)-(D).

For the purposes of investment, please list amount invested each year, not cumulative totals.

]For the years outside the qualifying time period, this number should simply represent the planned investment in tangible personal property].

Include estimates of investment for "replacement" property-property that is part of original agreement but scheduled for probable replacement during limitation period.

Column B: The total dollar amount of planned investment each year in buildings or nonremovable component of buildings that the applicant considers qualified investment under Tax Code §313.021(1)(E).

For the years outside the qualifying time period, this number should simply represent the planned investment in new buildings or nonremovable components of buildings

Column D: Dollar value of other investment that may not be qualified investment but that may affect economic impact and total value.

The most significant example for many projects would be land. Other examples may be items such as professional services, etc.

Note: Land can be listed as part of investment during the "pre-year 1" time period. It cannot be part of qualifying investment.

* For planning, construction and operation of the facility.

Note: Information related to taxes in Columns F through H, for the year preceding the first complete year of the qualifying time period, need not be broken out by the time periods used for the requested investment information in Columns A through E.

Note: For advanced clean energy projects, nuclear projects, projects with deferred qualifying time periods, and projects with lengthy application review periods, insert additional rows as needed.

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Applicant Name
ISD Name

Spinning Spur Wind LLC
Vega ISD

SCHEDULE B-3676 (Temporary - July 2009): ESTIMATED MARKET AND TAXABLE VALUE

				All figures here are to be cumulative						
				Qualified Property			Reductions from market value (exemptions, etc)		Estimated Taxable Value	
		Year	Tax Year (fill in actual tax year)	Column A: Estimated Market Value of Land	Column B: Estimated Total Market Value of new buildings or other new improvements	Column C: Estimated Total Market Value of tangible personal property in the new building or "in or on the new improvement"	D: Due to pollution control property (estimated or actual as appropriate)	E: Due to other exemptions	F: Estimated total taxable value for I&S: (A+B+C)-(D+E)	G: Estimated total taxable value for M&O: (Column F amount with the limitation value in years 3-10)
		pre- year 1		N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-
	Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	2011	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-
		2	2012	N/A	452,025	193,200,000	N/A	N/A	193,652,025	193,652,025
		3	2013	N/A	430,500	183,540,000	N/A	N/A	183,970,500	10,000,000
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)	Value Limitation Period	4	2014	N/A	410,000	174,363,000	N/A	N/A	174,773,000	10,000,000
		5	2015	N/A	390,476	165,644,850	N/A	N/A	166,035,326	10,000,000
		6	2016	N/A	371,882	157,362,608	N/A	N/A	157,734,490	10,000,000
		7	2017	N/A	354,173	149,494,477	N/A	N/A	149,848,650	10,000,000
		8	2018	N/A	337,308	142,019,753	N/A	N/A	142,357,061	10,000,000
		9	2019	N/A	321,246	134,918,766	N/A	N/A	135,240,012	10,000,000
		10	2020	N/A	305,948	128,172,827	N/A	N/A	128,478,775	10,000,000
Credit Settle-Up Period	Continue to Maintain Viable Presence	11	2021	N/A	291,379	121,764,186	N/A	N/A	122,055,565	122,055,565
		12	2022	N/A	277,504	115,675,977	N/A	N/A	115,953,481	115,953,481
		13	2023	N/A	264,290	109,892,178	N/A	N/A	110,156,468	110,156,468
Post- Settle-Up Period		14	2024	N/A	251,076	104,397,569	N/A	N/A	104,648,644	104,648,644
Post- Settle-Up Period		15	2025	N/A	238,522	99,177,690	N/A	N/A	99,416,212	99,416,212

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Note: Market value in future years is good faith estimate of future taxable value for the purposes of property taxation.

Applicant Name Spinning Spur Wind LLC
ISD Name Vega ISD

SCHEDULE C-3676 (Temporary - July 2009): EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

				Existing Jobs	Construction		Permanent New Jobs		Qualifying Jobs		
		Year	Tax Year (fill in actual tax year)	Column A: Number of permanent existing full time jobs prior to application	Column B: Number of Construction FTE's or man- hours (specify)	Column C: Average annual wage rates for construction workers	Column D: Total number of permanent full- time new jobs applicant commits to create	Column E: Average annual wage rate for all permanent new jobs for each year	Column. F: Number of qualifying jobs applicant commits to create meeting all criteria of Sec. 313.021(3)	Column G: Avg. annual wage of qualifying jobs	
		pre- year 1	0								
	Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	2011	0	200	\$41,800	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	
		2	2012	0	0	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	
	Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)	Value Limitation Period	3	2013	0	0	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	5	\$41,800
			4	2014	0	0	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	5	\$41,800
			5	2015	0	0	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	5	\$41,800
			6	2016	0	0	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	5	\$41,800
			7	2017	0	0	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	5	\$41,800
			8	2018	0	0	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	5	\$41,800
			9	2019	0	0	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	5	\$41,800
			10	2020	0	0	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	5	\$41,800
			Credit Settle-Up Period	Continue to Maintain Viable Presence	11	2021	0	0	\$41,800	5	\$41,800
	12	2022			0	0	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	5	\$41,800
	13	2023			0	0	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	5	\$41,800
Post- Settle-Up Period		14	2024	0	0	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	
Post- Settle-Up Period		15	2025	0	0	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	5	\$41,800	

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Note: Section 313.024(d) Tax Code requires that, to be eligible for a limitation, 80 percent of all new jobs must be qualifying jobs.

Note: Applicants to school districts subject to Subchapter C because of demographic characteristics [see §313.051(a)(2)] must meet the regional wage standard described in 313.051(b).

Step 2, Question 1:

A specific description of all property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation as defined by Tax Code §313.021(2). Include a description of the land, describe each proposed improvement, and each proposed item of personal property for which you are seeking a limitation. Include each existing appraisal district account number and the legal description of the land, attach a detailed map showing the actual or proposed location of the land and proposed improvements and showing the actual or proposed boundaries and size of the reinvestment zone or enterprise zone in which the property will be located. Attach the order, resolution or ordinance establishing the zone, and the guidelines and criteria for creating the zone (if applicable).

The Applicant is requesting an appraised value limitation on all of the property constructed or placed upon the real property described and shown in Exhibit A within Vega ISD, which is located in Oldham County, Texas. The property for which the Applicant is requesting an appraised value limitation shall include, but is not limited to, the following: 70 Siemens 2.3 MW wind turbine towers to generate 161 megawatts of power; 70 reinforced concrete foundations supporting the weight of each turbine tower; 70 electric power transformers; electric poles and conductor cables used to transport electricity from each turbine tower to an electrical substation; substation and approximately 10 miles of 345kV transmission line used to transport the electricity off the project site; a small building to house maintenance supplies; replacement parts and other miscellaneous related equipment.

The exact route and location of the transmission line is undefined at this time. Of the approximately 40 total miles of 345kV transmission line to the point of interconnect, it is estimated that 10 miles will be within the Vega ISD boundary. A map showing the entire transmission line route will be supplemented when it is available.

Further, the map provided does not give the location of the improvements; however all of the improvements that make up the amount of the qualified investment will be made within the Project Investment Area as shown on Exhibit A. The applicant will provide a map with the location of the improvements in the near future.

The Applicant has not yet obtained a Reinvestment Zone that will encompass this facility. The Applicant intends to obtain this Reinvestment Zone in the near term and will provide an updated map of this Reinvestment Zone at that time.

None of the foregoing listed property is covered under an existing County Appraisal District account number.

Step 2, Question 2:

A fully detailed description of the scope of the proposed project, including, at a minimum, the type and planned use of real and tangible personal property, the nature of the business, a timeline for property construction or installation, and any other relevant information.

The proposed project will consist of a facility designed to use wind power for electricity generation (commonly referred to as a wind farm). The Applicant expects to build the proposed project within one (1) year, with 100% of the facility being located in Vega ISD, with the exception of approximately 30 miles of transmission line outside of Vega ISD to the Project's interconnect location. The Applicant intends to commence construction during 2011 and expects to meet the minimum qualified investment threshold referenced in Step 2, Question 3 by the end of the construction period that is scheduled for late 2011.

All of the property for which the Applicant is seeking a limitation of appraised value will be owned by the applicant, Spinning Spur Wind LLC.

In accordance with HB 1470, the Applicant is requesting a waiver of the statutory jobs requirement in lieu of providing 5 qualified jobs for the facility's operation. The qualified jobs established exceeds the standard we believe necessary to operate the facility which is one (1) employee for every fifteen – twenty (15-20) operating turbines.

**2008 Manufacturing Wages by Council of Government Region
Wages for All Occupations**

	Hourly	Annual
COG		
Texas	\$20.61	\$42,872
1. Panhandle Regional Planning Commission	\$18.23	\$37,916
2. South Plains Association of Governments	\$14.81	\$30,799
3. NORTEX Regional Planning Commission	\$17.78	\$36,982
4. North Central Texas Council of Governments	\$22.60	\$47,011
5. Ark-Tex Council of Governments	\$15.50	\$32,239
6. East Texas Council of Governments	\$16.07	\$33,431
7. West Central Texas Council of Governments	\$16.30	\$33,904
8. Rio Grande Council of Governments	\$14.93	\$31,048
9. Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission	\$17.51	\$36,422
10. Concho Valley Council of Governments	\$14.07	\$29,274
11. Heart of Texas Council of Governments	\$17.19	\$35,749
12. Capital Area Council of Governments	\$24.50	\$50,969
13. Brazos Valley Council of Governments	\$14.93	\$31,052
14. Deep East Texas Council of Governments	\$15.42	\$32,066
15. South East Texas Regional Planning Commission	\$24.60	\$51,161
16. Houston-Galveston Area Council	\$21.80	\$45,353
17. Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission	\$18.72	\$38,932
18. Alamo Area Council of Governments	\$16.50	\$34,330
19. South Texas Development Council	\$13.76	\$28,631
20. Coastal Bend Council of Governments	\$22.61	\$47,037
21. Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council	\$13.05	\$27,145
22. Texoma Council of Governments	\$17.99	\$37,415
23. Central Texas Council of Governments	\$16.47	\$34,255
24. Middle Rio Grande Development Council	\$13.85	\$28,810

Source: Texas Occupational Employment and Wages

Data published: 9 June 2009

Data published annually, next update will be June 2010.

Note: Data is not supported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Wage data is produced from Texas OES data, and is not to be compared to BLS estimates.

Data intended for TAC 313 purposes only.



Exhibit E

Step 3, Question 7 (a)

February 9, 2010

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Re: Chapter 313 Job Waiver Request

Dear Ms. Knox,

This letter is to advise you that Spinning Spur Wind LLC is amending its Chapter 313 Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property by requesting a waiver of the requirement to create ten full time jobs. House Bill 1470 altered the jobs requirement by adding Section 313.025 (f-l) to permit a school district's board of trustees to make a finding that the job requirement could be waived if the job requirement exceeds the industry standard for the number of employees reasonably necessary for the operation of the facility of the property owner that is described in the application.

Spinning Spur Wind LLC requests that the Vega ISD's Board of Trustees make such a finding and waive the job creation requirement for ten (10) permanent jobs. Based on the industry standard, the size and scope of this project will require five (5) permanent jobs.

As background information on the creation of full-time jobs by a wind projects, wind projects create a large number of full-time, temporary jobs during the construction phase (1st year), but require a small number of highly skilled technicians to operate a wind project once construction operations cease and commercial operations start.

The permanent employees of a wind project maintain and service wind turbines, underground electrical connections, substations and other infrastructure associated with the safe and reliable operation of the Project. The industry standard for permanent employment is one full-time employee for every fifteen-twenty (15 – 20) turbines, although this number varies depending on the turbines selected as well as the support and technical assistance offered by the turbine manufacturer. In addition to the onsite employees described above, there may be asset managers or technicians who supervise, monitor, and support wind project operations from offsite locations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Melissa Miller".

Melissa Miller
Project Manager. Cielo Wind Services Inc.